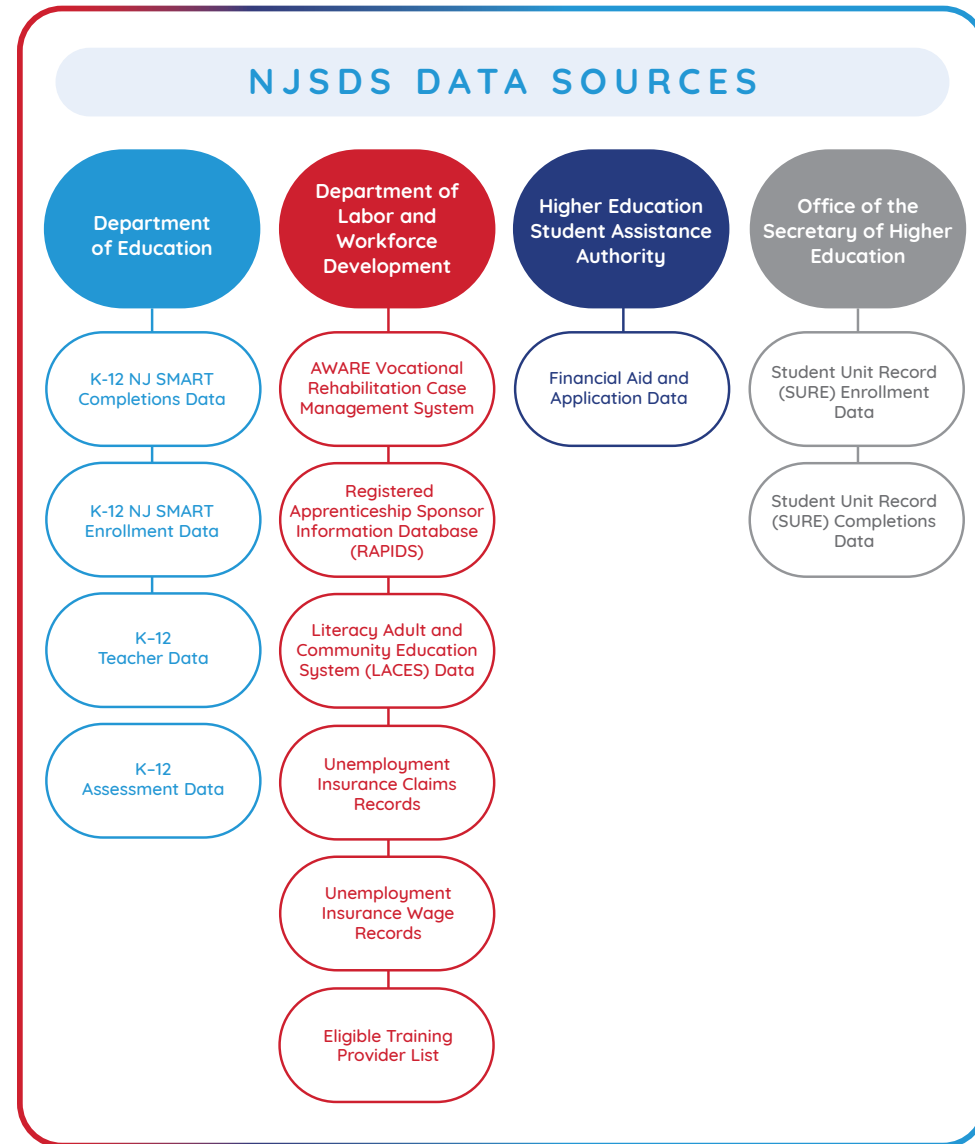


The New Jersey Statewide Data System (NJSDS), formerly the New Jersey Education to Earnings Data System (NJEEDS), is the State of New Jersey's centralized longitudinal data system for public administrative data. Created to facilitate coordinated data sharing and analysis among partnering state agencies, NJSDS has evolved into a statewide interagency and intergovernmental data platform that securely stores, integrates, and manages administrative data to expand access and analysis for improved governance efforts, policymaking, and public initiative performance.



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NJSDS EXTERNAL ACCESS PROGRAM

In January 2025, NJSDS launched the External Access program, which facilitates data access to qualified researchers approved by the NJSDS Executive Leadership Committee (ELC). Five proposals were received and accepted on initial review, three of which were deemed eligible to participate and approved by the ELC. Research topics for these studies range from evaluating high school curriculum to the impact of the New Jersey Teacher Loan Redemption Program. These projects are expected to have initial results in 2026 and be published on the NJSDS website.

Due to the early success of the program, NJSDS will continue to accept and review data access requests in 2026.

MULTI-STATE COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

Two novel multi-state projects, funded through the Coleridge Initiative's Democratizing our Data Challenge, were completed in 2025.

The Multi-State Postsecondary Report, a collaboration between Kentucky, New Jersey, Ohio, Rhode Island, Tennessee, and Virginia, addresses a limitation of in-state systems to link postsecondary completion data and cross-state employment outcomes. The report compares results by institution, demographics, and major groups.

The Multi-State Teacher Workforce Report builds the foundation for a future national comparison of each state's public education workforce, highlighting trends in public educator demographics, certification, retention, and mobility. This report was developed in partnership with the Rhode Island Longitudinal Data System, with future updates and expansions planned.

NJSDS REPORTS

The following products were released on the NJSDS website in 2025:

- **Examining the Benefits of Education in New Jersey:** Analyzes the costs and benefits of pursuing and attaining postsecondary education from public institutions of higher education in New Jersey. Includes new data on those completing vocational training and explores outcomes by individual demographic characteristics.
- **Educational and Employment Outcomes for the New Jersey High School Classes of 2014 and 2015:** The first in a series of reports that examine the educational and employment outcomes of New Jersey high school graduates. Studies the trajectories of students who graduated in the spring of 2014 and 2015 and includes data on enrollment in postsecondary education, financial aid assistance, degree attainment, and employment after high school.
- **Monitoring New Jersey's Postsecondary Attainment Goal Using the New Jersey Statewide Data System:** The second report in a two-part series that reviews New Jersey's goal of increasing the number of state residents with a postsecondary degree or credential to 65% of the population by 2025. Provides a detailed assessment of the state's progress, covering trends in enrollment, persistence, and completion across demographics and institutions from 2010 to 2021.
- **Building a Comparison Group for Tuition Aid Grant Recipients Using the New Jersey Statewide Data System:** Examines the New Jersey Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG) program's effect on college graduation and labor market outcomes, using formulated comparison groups that only differ by the receipt of TAG.
- **Defining and Exploring the Care Economy Workforce in New Jersey:** Provides an overview of how states and scholars conceptualize the care economy and assesses the size, workforce characteristics, and variations in employment patterns in New Jersey.

Visit <https://njsds.nj.gov/research-products/> to read NJSDS products.

NJSDS EVENTS

The NJSDS Research Conference will be held at the Heldrich Center for Workforce Development in New Brunswick, NJ, on March 18, 2026. This in-person event will include an orientation to NJSDS, two panel sessions highlighting research conducted using the system's data, a discussion on the system's current research agenda, and a panel discussion with state leaders who will speak to the value and future of NJSDS. The event will be the first in an annual series highlighting the work and impact of NJSDS.

In April 2026, NJSDS will host the Research Roadmap Workshop. This event will bring state agency representatives together to collaboratively identify cross-system priority areas, emerging challenges, and strategic opportunities for the future of NJSDS.

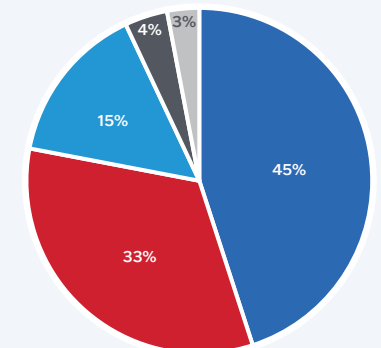
SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION

STAFFING

NJSDS is supported by the contributions of 12 Heldrich Center staff members, including full-time researchers, a postdoctoral associate, graduate research assistants, and IT and administrative staff. Researchers on the NJSDS team have extensive expertise that includes secondary and postsecondary education, social welfare, workforce development, and the impact of artificial intelligence, among other topics. This experience and expertise help strengthen the abilities of NJSDS in analyses related to governance, policymaking, and public initiative efforts.

BUDGET

NJSDS funding and operating expenses have varied year over year, but have stabilized as the system matures. NJSDS is primarily supported through partner agency contributions and enhanced through federal and foundation grants. Currently, annual operating expenses are estimated to be around \$1.7 million. The NJSDS budget is split into two main categories: base costs (including governance, database operations, and enhancements) and research and outreach (which includes report development and dissemination, along with training and outreach).



- Database Operations
- Research Activities
- Governance
- Training and Outreach
- Enhancements